

Preferably, the adhesive should be a partially cured thermal set plastic, such as epoxy, so the adhesive used cured by cross linkage does not reactivate when the garment or textile is heated in a domestic dyer or when dry cleaned commercially. If the adhesive can be reactivated thermally, the activating temperature should be higher than temperatures the garment or fabric will encounter during cleaning or normal use, while at the same time being low enough to not damage the thread when the adhesive is initially activated.

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A sewing thread consisting of a thread coated in a thermally activated adhesive, where the adhesive is active when heated and set when cooled.
2. A sewing thread as described in claim 1 where the thermally activated adhesive is a partially cured B-stage thermal set plastic which upon final heating remains permanently set.
3. A sewing thread as described in claim 1 where the thermally activated adhesive is a thermal set plastic.